

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 385**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Melvin Spira on his selection as the Houston Society of Plastic Surgeons' Distinguished Plastic Surgeon for 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Spira recently retired after a long and distinguished career, and he will be honored by his colleagues, family, and friends at the society's meeting on May 8, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Navy veteran graduated from Northwestern University Graduate School in 1951 and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1956; he served his internship at Duke University Hospital before relocating to Houston in 1959 to complete his residency training at Jefferson Davis Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, During his career, Dr. Spira served as chief of plastic surgery at Methodist Hospital, Saint Luke's Episcopal Hospital, The Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Ben Taub General Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, and the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Surgery; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Spira's articles have appeared in numerous publications, and he has trained countless plastic surgeons who are now located across the country; he is a highly respected leader in the medical community who has served on many boards and committees and has received many honors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Melvin Spira on his

outstanding career in medicine and for earning the title of Distinguished Plastic Surgeon for 2003 and extend best wishes to him for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis  
Whitmire  
Gallegos  
Lindsay

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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